

In the Specification:

On page 1, please rewrite the first full paragraph as follows:

This application relates and claims priority for all purposes to pending U.S. application serial no. 60/280,232 filed March 30, 2001 and related U.S. applications entitled Apparatus for Controlled Movement of an Element, application serial no. 10/075,940, and Free Space Optical Switch, application serial no. 10/075,946, both filed on even date herewith and commonly assigned.

On page 11, please rewrite the second full paragraph as follows:

Referring now to Figs. 3A - 6, there is illustrated the general layout of a preferred embodiment of the invention. Fig. [3] 3A depicts a sectional view showing a two axis optical beam steering apparatus 5 in the general form of a ball and socket assembly. It is comprised of a movable member 10 in the form of a spherical or ball portion having an outer bearing surface 11 supported in a fixed member 40 that includes a spherical raceway or socket 20 for forming a seat in which the movable member 10 is movably supported for rotation with respect thereto. The fixed member 40 in the present example comprises a thin flat plate but may have other configurations. As shown in Fig. 3A, the movable member 10 and the fixed member 40 each includes a first side 6 and an opposing second side 8. The fixed member 40 is configured to provide free access to the movable member 10 on each of the first side 6 and the second side 8.